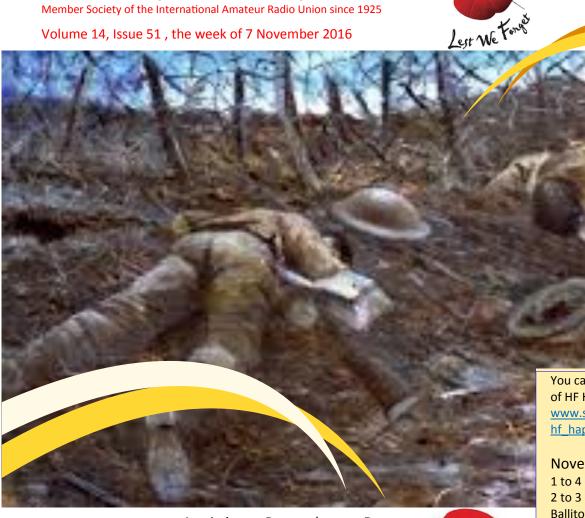
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November

1 to 4 - Delmas Christmas Market 2 to 3 - Christmas Country Fair,

4 to 6 - Cape Classic 380, Montagu 5 - RaDAR Challenge; Elim Wine Festival, Overberg; Fanschhoek Craft Festival; Pure Boland Mark, Worcester; Winterton Street Festival; Irene Market; Pretoria Amateur Radio Club Flea Market

6 - PEARS HF Contest

11 - Armistice Day

11 to 13 - Knysna Timber Festival

13 - SARL Youth Net

16 to 18 - GWK Cherry Festival, **Ficksburg**

17 to 19 - Sandstone Steam Cherry Festival

19 - Antique Wireless Association **AGM & Swopmeet**

25 - Closing date for December **Radio ZS articles**

26 - West Rand Flea market 26 and 27 - CQ WW CW Contest

December

1 - Start of "Youth on the Air" Month

Armistice or Remembrance Day

'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, Saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, And now we lie in Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe; to you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high, if ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders' fields.

At approximately 05:00 on Monday, 11th November 1918, 98 years ago today, the Armistice was signed in a railway carriage of Marshall Foch's special train located in the forest at Rethondes in France on the western front.

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At 11:00 on this Monday the 11th November 1918, the roar of guns ceased and peace and silence finally descended on the western front, ending the First World War. It is estimated that close to 9,5 million soldiers, sailors and airmen of all sides died in the Great War.

IOTA News

Record-holders, who have made IOTA contacts in an IOTA contest after 2003, can claim credit for them without submitting QSLs, if the contact details match, either by manually entering the QSO information on the input form or by uploading a Cabrillo format log.

The 2016 IOTA Contest data has now been uploaded to the IOTA database and is available for QSO matching. "Some users have experienced issues with their contest QSOs being rejected," PA3EXX reported on 2 November. "This has been fixed now and users are invited to upload their logs one more time."

Please note "logs of 12 operations out of 718 which participated have been excluded from being uploaded as the IOTA Validation Team (VT) is awaiting documentation", G3KMA said on 30 October. "It should be noted that if an operation is asked by VT (not the same as the RSGB Contest Committee) for validation and this is not sent in good time, QSO matching will not be allowed and a warning that the operation will not be accepted for IOTA will be posted on the database for applicants to note. In certain circumstances this could affect contest results."

Club Log's Most Wanted List

The latest Most Wanted List, generated on 31 October, is available at https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php. The information is derived from QSOs uploaded to Club Log (currently 386 million log entries available for analysis) and to improve quality, only QSOs that have QSLs confirmed are considered to be worked.

African DX

Uganda, 5X. Alan, G3XAQ, will once again be active as 5X1XA from Kampala between 12 and 28 November. Activity is usually on 80 to 10 metres CW only and he plans to be in the CQ WW DX CW Contest (26 and 27 November). QSL via G3SWH, OQRS or LoTW.

Central Africa, TL. Ken, LA7GIA operates as TL8AO between 10 and 22 November from Bangui on 80 to 10 m (CW). QSL via MOOXO, ClubLog OQRS and LoTW. http://la7gia.com/tl8ao/humanitarian%20fundraising.html

Kenya, 5Z. Nick, LZ4NM, will be active as 5Z4/LZ4NM from Nairobi until 23 January 2017. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL direct to Amateur Radio Society of Kenya, Box 45681, Nairobi, 00100, Kenya.

Tom, DJ6TF and Reiner, DL7KL will be active between 15 November and 1 December

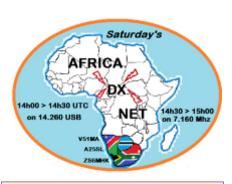
as 5Z4/DJ6TF and 5Z4/DL7KL from Diani Beach on 80 to 10 m (CW and SSB). QSL via home calls (d/B).

Nigeria, 5N. Tom, PA3TG, will be active again as 5N/PA3TG from Nigeria between 15 and 25 November. He will be active on 30 metres CW and 20 metres SSB and CW mainly during his evening hours. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.



Central African Republic, TL. TL8TT is the call sign that the Italian DXpedition Team will be using during their February 2017 DXpedition to the Central African Republic (exact dates TBA). A team of seven - I1HJT, I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT and JA3USA will operate CW and SSB on 160 to 10 metres and RTTY on one band to be selected depending on propagation. QSL via I2YSB. A band and mode survey can be found on www.i2ysb.com/idt/ along with other information, log search and OQRS.

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3 – International Day for Disabled Persons

3 and 4 - UK/EI DX SSB Contest

4 - SARL Digital Contest

7 - all schools close

10 - International Human Rights Day

10 and 11 - ARRL 10 m Contest

11 - SARL Youth Net

16 - Day of Reconciliation

21 - Summer Solstice

25 - Christmas Day; Channukah (1st Day)

26 - Family Day

31 - Old Year's Eve; End of 2016 CQ Marathon and YOTA month

False radio calls on the aircraft band

An item I heard on commercial radio news this week made my ears prick up - as no doubt have many a pilot's ears!

False radio calls on the aircraft band in the Melbourne Flight area.

I asked WIA's Jim Linton for more and he has told us that no less than 15 hoax radio calls on AM aeronautical channels have been made in the past weeks at Tullamarine Airport Melbourne, and the Avalon Airport near Geelong.

Here is what happened:

A man pretends to be in a control tower and orders three jets to abort their landing.

Impersonation of a light aircraft with engine trouble putting out a may-day call.

The story has attracted wide media attention across newspapers, television and internet news sites. Melbourne's Age and Sydney Morning Herald newspapers ran a story headed "lone-wolf hoaxer", and unfortunately included a comment that". . rudimentary amateur VHF radio equipment could be used in such a hoax."

The media coverage continued

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Senegal, 6W. Look for Michel, F6AFH, to be active as 6W7SS from La Somone in Senegal between early January up to April 2017. No other details were provided.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Madagascar, 5R. Eric, F6ICX, will once again be active as 5R8IC from Saint Marie Island (AF-090) between 6 November and 4 February 2017. Activity will be holiday style on 40 to 10 metres, mainly CW, but some SSB, RTTY and PSK63, using a FT-450 with 100 watts into various GPs or Inverted-Ls and a Hexbeam for 20 to 10 meters. There will be no online log during his activity. QSL via his home call sign (QRZ.com). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

Canary Islands, EF8. Tom, OZ1AA, will be active as EF8U from Gran Canaria Island (AF-004) during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (26 and 27 November) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via EA8URL or LoTW. To see the station, visit http://ea8url.blogspot.com and https://www.qrz.com/lookup/ef8u

Mauritius, 3B8. Willi, DJ7RJ returns to Mauritius (AF-049) from 9 November to 6 December and will be active as 3B8/DJ7RJ on 160 to 10 m (CW, SSB) with a focus on the low bands. QSL via h/c (d/B).

Ascension Island, ZD8. Alan, KOAV, will be active as ZD8V from Ascension Island (AF-003) from 21 November to 1 December. He will operate mainly CW on 160 to 10 metres and will participate in the CQ WW DX CW Contest as ZD8W along with W6NV. QSL ZD8V via KOAV and LoTW.

Equatorial Guinea and Annobon

KCOW's future plans include DXpeditions to both Equatorial Guinea (3C) and Annobon Island (3C0). "I will be traveling to Equatorial Guinea in December to personally submit all 20+ forms to their licensing authorities," Tom says. "These proposed 50 to 60 day long DXpeditions will hopefully be active after I return to Equatorial Guinea a second time with all of my gear in January."

INDEXA Newsletter

The Fall (Autumn)2016 edition of the International DX Association's Newsletter (INDEXA) is now available for download at www.indexa.org/newsletters.html. This issue contains the story of FT4JA - Juan de Nova 2016.

IOTA Contest 2016

The following activations have provided sufficient documentation and have been accepted for IOTA credit - BD4KA (AS-146), BG2RHE (AS-158), BG5BWZ (AS-141), BH3PTL (AS-134), VA2NDX (NA-128) and ZY8D (SA-072). You need to upload your log file once more in order to claim QSO matches for these activations.

WRTC 2018

The official competition rules for the 2018 World Radiosport Team Championship that will be held in Germany have been released and are now available at http://wrtc2018.de/index.php/en/competition. "We have discussed the rules with potential competitors by e-mail as well as with the WRTC Sanctioning Committee," Uwe Koenneker, DL8OBF, Director of the WRTC 2018 Rules Committee said. "Publishing the rules about 20 months before the event gives potential competitors the chance to practice according to these rules." Any questions concerning the rules should be addressed to competition@wrtc2018.de or to the WRTC 2018 Mailing List.

that a number of federal government agencies were investigating, but did say there were fears that copycat amateur radio operators might trying the same thing.

Members of various Amateur Radio Facebook sites picked up on the newspaper reports, expressing alarm and concern that Amateur Radio could be implicated in such a negative way.

Some radio amateurs e-mailed the Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) with their concerns.

The Institute understands that amateurs would be justifiably upset about any connection with such dangerous and illegal rogue transmissions. Some have expressed the view that individual radio amateurs should write-in to set the record straight and that the WIA should make a strong statement to the offending publications.

However, the WIA strongly advises caution about individuals making complaints.

In situations like this, misunderstanding is easily compounded and may make matters worse by reinvigorating the original story from another angle. It is common for the media to focus on the "issue of the moment" in a way that sensationalises matters, which could easily be to our detriment.

Fortunately, the lone-wolf airtraffic radio hoaxer story had a very limited run.

The WIA is prepared for the story to arise again, and is developing a considered response to the media to counteract any negative references to Amateur Radio.

Southgate News and the Wireless Institute of Australia



Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 November 2016

ARS Spartan Sprint

02:00 - 04:00 UTC 8 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m Classes: Skinny; Tubby Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and state, province or country and Power

Work stations: Once per band Submit logs by: 10 November 2016 E-mail logs to: spartansprint@yahoo.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://arsqrp.blogspot.com/2009/02/so-whats-

spartan-sprint-and-how-do-i.html

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 9 November

Mode: CW Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power

output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 10 November 2016

E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter-rules.htm

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 9 November

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA:

Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1

point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North Ameri-

can country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 11 November 2016

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.perluma.com/
Phone Fray Contest Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 9 November and

03:00 - 04:00 UTC 10 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member:

Name and state, province or country Work stations: Once per band QSO Points: 1 point per QSO Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 12 November 2016 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.cwops.org/cwt.html

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 9 November

Mode: SSB Bands: 80 m Only Classes: 100 W; 10 W

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your

name

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 16 November 2016

Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2016/rsprint.shtml

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 11 November

Mode: RTTY Bands: (see rules) Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 13 November 2016

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 11 November

Mode: CW Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power

output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 12 November 2016

E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.grpfoxhunt.org/winter-rules.htm

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 11 November

Mode: CW Bands: (see rules)

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Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 13 November 2016

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ncccsprInternationalcom/rules.html

WAE DX RTTY Contest

00:00 UTC 12 November to 23:59 UTC 13 November

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - high or low; Multi-Op; SWL

Max operating hours: Single Op: 36 hours, off times of at

least 60 minutes; Multi-Single: 48 hours Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts

Exchange: RS and serial no Work stations: Once per band Score Calculation: (see rules) Submit logs by: 28 November 2016

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc/

logupload/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc/en/rules/

10-10 International Fall Contest, Digital

00:01 UTC 12 November to 23:59 UTC 13 November

Mode: Digital Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Individual; Club; QRP

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, prov-

ince or country

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points

per QSO with a 10-10 member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 28 November 2016
E-mail logs to: tentencontest@ten-ten.org

Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir,

NC 28645, USA

Find rules at: www.ten-ten.org/index.php/activity/2013-07-

22-20-26-48/qso-party-rules

JIDX Phone Contest

07:00 UTC 12 November to 13:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single

Band - low or high; Multi-Single; Maritime Mobile

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: JA: RST and Prefecture no; non-JA: RST and CQ

Zone No

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 80 m; 1 points per JA-DX QSO on 40, 20, 15 m; 2 points per JA-DX QSO on 10 m

Multipliers: JA Stations: DXCC countries and CQ zones once per band; non-JA Stations: JA prefectures plus JD1/O, JD1/

MT, JD1/OT once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 13 December 2016

E-mail logs to: ph@jidx.org

Mail logs to: JIDX Phone Contest, PO Box 22, Mitaka, Tokyo

181-8799, Japan

Find rules at: www.jidx.org/jidxrule-e.html

OK/OM DX CW Contest

12:00 UTC 12 November to 12:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Sin-

gle Band - low or high; Multi-Single; SWL

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts Exchange: OK/OM: RST and 3-letter district code; non-OK/

OM: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: OK/OM-Station: 1 point per QSO with EU station; OK/OM-Station: 3 points per QSO with DX station; EU-Station: 1 point per QSO with OK/OM station; DX-Station: 3

points per QSO with OK/OM station

Multipliers: OK/OM-Station: each prefix once per band; non-

OK/OM-Station: each OK/OM district once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 November 2016

Upload log at: http://okomdx.crk.cz/index.php?page=send-

log

Mail logs to: OK-OM DX Contest, CRK, PO Box 69, 113 27 Pra-

ha 1, Czech Republic

Find rules at: http://okomdx.crk.cz/index.php?page=english

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 12 November to 24:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no

or "NONE"

Work stations: Once per band QSO Points: 1 point per QSO Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total

mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 20 November 2016

Post log summary at: www.skccgroup.com/

operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-

display.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.skccgroup.com/operating-activities/

weekend sprintathon/

Kentucky QSO Party

14:00 UTC 12 November to 02:00 UTC 13 November

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

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Classes: KY Fixed - CW, phone, digital or mixed; KY Fixed Multi-

Single; KY Rover - CW, phone or mixed; Out of State

Exchange: KY: RS(T) and county; non-KY: RS(T) and state, prov-

ince or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; 2 points per Digital QSO; Bonus Points: 500 points for at least one QSO with KY4DXA; 1 000 points for each county activated

beyond home county (minimum 10 QSOs/county)

Multipliers: KY Stations: Each KY county, state, province, DXCC

entity once; non-KY Stations: Each KY county once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults)

and bonus points

Submit logs by: 31 December 2016 E-mail logs to: k4cms@aol.com

Mail logs to: Larry R. Smith, K4CMS, 623 Shady Lane, Alvaton,

KY 42122, USA

Find rules at: www.wkdxa.com/mainsite/index.php?

CQ-WE Contest

19:00 - 23:00 UTC 12 November (CW/Digital), 01:00 - 05:00 UTC (Phone), 19:00 - 23:00 UTC 13 November (Phone) and

01:00 - 05:00 UTC 14 November (CW/Digital)

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2, 432 MHz

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: Name, Location Code (see rules) and Years of Ser-

vice (see rules)

ber

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: Points equal to years of service received in ex-

change for each QSO

Multipliers: Each location code once per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = sum of (total QSO points x to-

tal mults) for each mode

Submit logs by: 1 December 2016

E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (see rules)

Find rules at: http://cqwe.cboh.org/rules.html

Next Week's Contests

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 16 November
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 November
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00
UTC 16 November and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 November
NAQCC CW Sprint, 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 17 November
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 18 November
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 18 November
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 November
YO International PSK31 Contest, 16:00 - 22:00 UTC 18 November

ARRL EME Contest, 00:00 UTC 19 November to 23:59 UTC 20 November

LZ DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 19 November to 12:00 UTC 20 November

All Austrian 160-Meter Contest, 16:00 UTC 19 November to 07:00 UTC 20 November

Feld Hell Sprint, 17:00 - 18:59 UTC 19 November RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW, 19:00 - 23:00 UTC 19 Novem-

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB, 21:00 UTC 19 November to 03:00 UTC 21 November

Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party, 13:00-15:00 UTC (40 m) and 15:00-17:00 UTC 20 November (80 m) Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 02:00-04:00 UTC 21 Novem-



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Items used with acknowledgement to the ARRL Letter, the ARRL DX News, the ARRL Contest Update, OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX Bulletin, DXNL Newsletter, WIA-News, the RSGB News, DxCoffee, Southgate ARC News, DX World and the Amateur Radio Newsletter